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Koisu chou waga na wo madaki tachi ni keri

Hito shirezu koso omoi someshi ka

It is true I love, but the rumor of my love had gone far and wide.
When people should not have known that I had begun to love.

Mibu no Tadami

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The Class A final of the Yoshino society tournament. The battle pitting powerful players against each other is coming to an end. Among the losers are Arata, ex-Queen Inokuma, Hokuou's Sudou and also Harada-sensei. They all stayed to watch who will become the one and only winner. Taichi and Chihaya, who both made it this far, can finally have an official faceoff despite being from the same society - in a climatic final, no less!
Hot winds are dnacing, and sweat is pouring. The two's fight is breath-taking, but what will its conclusion be like?!

"I want to win against Chihaya!"
"I don't want to lose to Taichi!"
The fight is now on!

This is already volume 20. I would not have come this far on my efforts alone, so everyone who helped me, and everyone who supported me by reading the story I draw, I would like to sincerely thank you all.

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CHARACTERS & STORY

Ayase Chihaya

She learned about competitive karuta when, as the 6th year grade school student, she first met Arata. With outstanding hearing as her weapon, she made it into the highest category of karuta players - Class A. She is affiliated with the Shiranami karuta society.

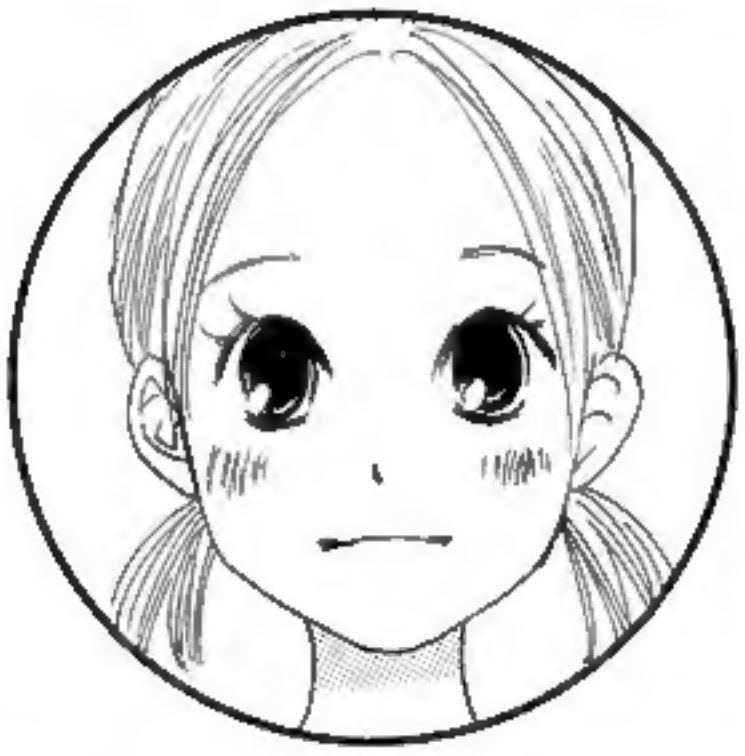
Wataya Arata

Due to his grandfather being the Eternal Meijin, he has been a national level player from childhood. After graduating from grade school, he moved back to his home in Fukui. Class A player. Affiliated with the Nagumo karuta society in Fukui.

Mashima Taichi

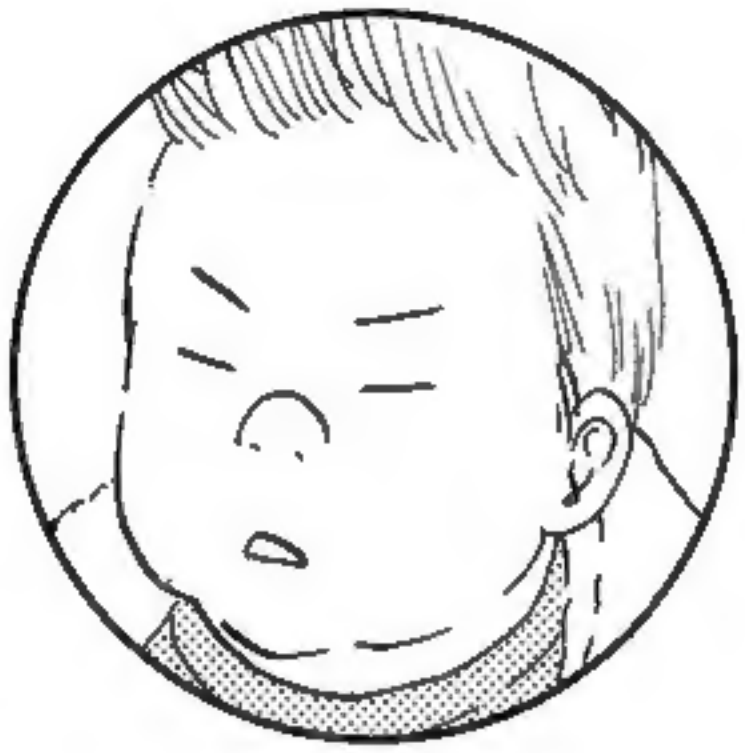
An excellent athlete with remarkable talent in sports. With his bonds with Arata and Chihaya through karuta as a foundation, together with Chihaya he started a karuta club in Mizusawa High School. Class B player. Affiliated with the Shiranami karuta society.

It's fall, and the members of the Mizusawa karuta club, who returned to Tokyo after having won the high school nationals in the team division, as well as Classes B, C and D in the individual division, participate in the Yoshino Society Tournament, gathering the most powerful players from East and West. The last players standing, to compete in the final after having defeated Arata, ex-Queen Inokuma, Hokuou's Sudou, Harada-sensei and the members of his society, are Chihaya and Taichi. The two are ready to face each other in an official match, a final to boot, with Arata watching, no less!



Ooe Hanade
Being the daughter of a traditional clothing shop owner, she loves all classic. A founding member who originally joined the club because of her love for hakama. Class C player.

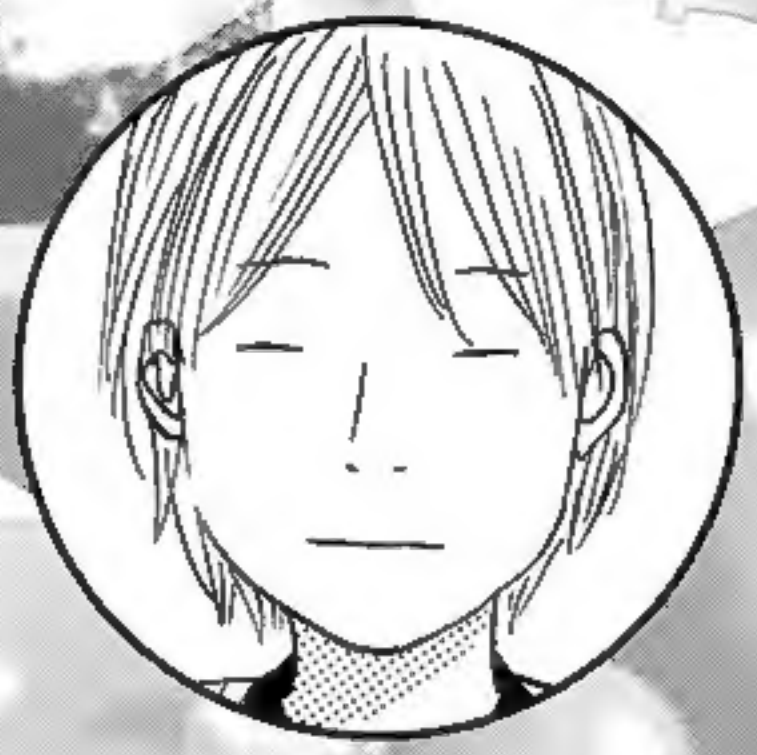
Wakamiya Shinobu
The youngest Queen in history, she made it to Class A in her 4th year of elementary school. A 2nd year student at Tsusaki High school in Kyoto.



Nishida Yuusei
He played against Chihaya in their elementary school days, and joined the club at the time of its establishment. Nicknamed Nikuman-kun. Class A player.

Harano Sumire
A 1st year student at Mizusawa High school. To Chihaya, she's the first new member of the club. Naturally amorous.

Homano Tsutomu
He was obsessively dedicated to his studies, but Taichi's strong feelings towards karuta got through to him, and he joined the club at the time of its establishment. Nicknamed Tsukue-kun. Class C player.



Tsukuba Akihiro
A 1st year who joined together with Sumire. Previously he shone in the so-called last verse karuta, due to which he is confident in his skill.

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WHAT KIND OF MATCH IS THIS...?
I FULLY EXPECTED A MATCH BETWEEN TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS,
ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY BELONG TO THE SAME SOCIETY, TO LACK INTENSITY, AND HOW WRONG IT WAS...
THIS IS...
春川台
FUJISAKI

...THE SAME AS THE CLASS A FINAL OF THAT HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

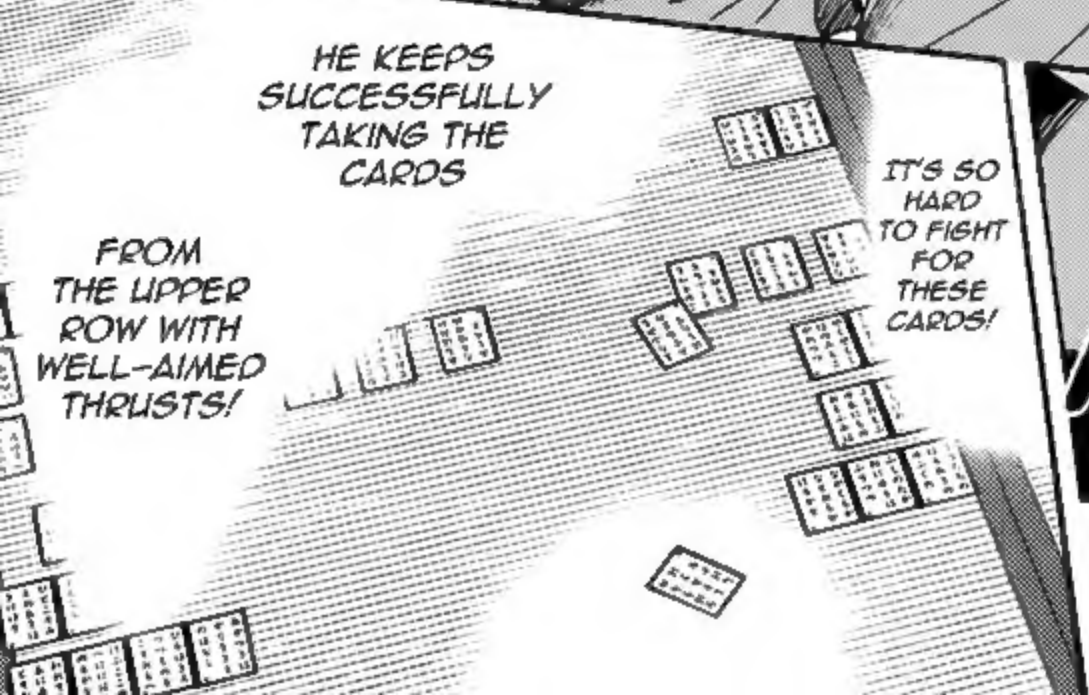
BETWEEN THOSE TWO...

IT'S OVER-WHELM-INGLY,

GUT-WRETCH-INGLY

SERIOUS.

Akeru-
reba ~


HE KEEPS SUCCESSFULLY TAKING THE CARDS
FROM THE UPPER ROW WITH WELL-AIMED THRUSTS!
IT'S SO HARD TO FIGHT FOR THESE CARDS!

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ビーラブ。

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今年もやります!

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「明治耕色綺譚」リカチ
「おかめ日和」入江喜和
「家族前夜」丘上あい
「放課後カルマ」有永イネ

IT'S HIS 7TH MATCH TODAY, SO HE MUST BE DEAD TIRED.

HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSI-BLE?

NOT TO MENTION, HE'S USUALLY NO GOOD AT FORGETTING CARDS' POSITIONS FROM HIS PREVIOUS MATCHES...

BUT WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT HERE

IS THAT MASHIMA HASN'T MADE A SINGLE MISTAKE YET

HIS OVERLY UNFAMILIAR FORMATION MAKES AYASE WARY.

I FORGET THE CARDS' OLD POSITIONS AND MEMORIZE

THEIR NEW ONES ONCE AGAIN RIGHT DURING THE MATCH

Nami shi owaba~

BUT...

THAT SURE IS..

..EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

OHH ...!

WHILE CHIHAYA-CHAN IS DISTRACTED WORRYING ABOUT THAT UPPER ROW, HE CALMLY 'PICKS UP' THE CARDS ONE BY ONE

BUT, MATSUGE-KUN..

...BY CHANGING THE ARRANGE-MENT OF YOUR ENTIRE FORMATION

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はっ

...YOU PUT HUGE PRESSURE AND STRAIN NOT ONLY ON YOUR OPPONENT,

THOSE CARDS ARE THE ONES HE NORMALLY WOULD HAVE TO SACRIFICE

BUT HE'S SUCCESS-FULLY TAKING THEM...

JUST HOW INTENSE HIS FOCUS MUST BE RIGHT NOW...!

HE'S COUNTERING THE DRAWBACK OF HAVING SUCH EXCEPTIONAL MEMORY

WITH EVEN MORE EXCEPTIONAL CONCENTRA-TION AND MEMORIZA-TION ON-THE-SPOT...

BUT ON YOURSELF AS WELL.

WHY ARE YOU GOING THAT FAR...?

MASHIMA-SENPAI...

IT'S SO DIFFICULT TO ATTACK THE ENEMY FORMA-TION..

I'M BARELY HOLDING ON.

DIFFI-CULT...

WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING PAST YOUR LIMITS LIKE THAT...?

I GOTTA MAKE ABSOLU-TELY SURE...

I GOTTA MAKE SURE NOT TO LOSE TO HER ON MY OWN HALF OF THE PLAYING FIELD...

IT'S HARD TO BREATHE...

BUT IT'S STILL DIFFI-CULT

MASHIMA-SENPAI...

Ai

mite
no~

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……

THAT MUST HURT!

OH, FINALLY A MIS-TAKE!!!

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……

THE CARD BEING READ WAS MASHIMA'S 'AI' CARD,

むかしはも
のをおもは
さりけり

……

BUT AYASE SWEPT THE 'ARIA' CARD FROM HER OWN FORMATION!

あかつきは
かりうちも
のはなし

A SEMI-DOUBLE FAULT!

A SEMI-DOUBLE FAULT OCCURS IN THE CASE WHEN ONE PLAYER TAKES A CARD WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE OTHER COMMITS A FAULT. ONE CARD IS REMOVED FROM THE FORMER'S FORMATION AND ONE MORE CARD CAN BE SENT OVER TO THE LATTER.

HE'S MAKING IT SO DIFFI-CULT...

HE'S SENDING OVER THE LAST 'CHI' CARD WHICH HE KEPT UNTIL NOW AS A BAIT TO MAKE HER TARGET IT!

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のあきも
いぬめり

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HE DELIBERA-TELY ARRANGED A TWIST LIKE THAT...!

IT'S ALL PART OF HIS PLAN ...!

NOW SHE CAN'T HELP UNIN-TENTIONALLY SHIFTING HER FOCUS BACK TO HER OWN FORMA-TION!

THE CARD SHE'S BEEN FOCUSING ON IS NOW IN HER OWN FORMA-TION!

WE WERE TAUGHT TO PLAY OFFENSIVE KARUTA,

BUT HE MANAGES TO WIN CARDS

WHILE STILL DEFENDING HIS OWN FORMATION...

IT'S HARD TO BREATHE ...

START

WATCH YOUR POSTURE!

AND KEEP YOUR WHOLE BODY ---

RAISE YOUR HEAD!

THROW BACK YOUR SHOULDERS!

?
WELL, DUH...? WHAT OF IT?
AH!
IT'S YOU, TAICHI!
EH?

giri oki~

Chi-

Shi-

.....

HE CAREFULLY BID HIS TIME

IT WAS A REALLY CLOSE FIGHT, BUT HE TOOK THE CARD!

AND SWEPT THE CARDS IN THE RIGHT SPOT ALONG WITH THE 'CHI' HE SENT HER EARLIER!

THEIR HANDS !

JUST NOW,

AH!

EH?

EH?

AH.

OUR HANDS COLLIDED JUST NOW.

I'M FINE, I'M FINE...

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OK?

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I SEE ...

MASHIMA KNOWS VERY WELL WHERE AYASE WOULD PLACE THE 'CHIGIRI O' CARD.

HE'S BEEN MEMORIZ-ING...

...ONLY THE POSITIONS OF HIS OWN CARDS EVEN BEFORE HE SENT HER THAT CARD.

ARE YOU OK?

THE KARUTA HE PLAYS IS THAT OF A STRANGER, BUT...

...IT'S TAICHI.

.....

IT'S TAICHI.

HE SEEMS LIKE A STRANGER...

IT'S TAICHI, AND YET...

BUT HE IS STILL TAICHI.

THE BOY

WHO'S BEEN DOING HIS BEST TOGETHER WITH ME ALL THIS TIME.

THE ENEMY FORMATION ?
MY FORMATION ?
THE ENEMY FORMATION
MY FORMATION...

FAST ...!

.THE 'HOTO-TOGISU' POEM?!

WAS THAT ...

CARUTA

HE'S— TAICHI.

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR.

BUT... I DON'T WANT TO LOSE.

SILLY CHIHAYA.

THERE'S NO MY OR ENEMY FORMATION.

I'VE GOT A PLAN.

I'M NOT GETTING PULLED INTO A SPEED CONTEST.

HERE I GO, TAICHI.

SEEING HIM...

EVEN IF IT'S NOT WITH LOVE OR PASSION...

SHE'S LOOKING AT HIM...

AYASE-SENPAI IS LOOKING AT MASHIMA-SENPAI...

HE GOT ME.

IT WAS A 6-SYLL-ABLE CARD.

HMPH! WHAT ELSE DID YOU EXPECT?

...MASHIMA -SENPAI WANTED

THOSE EYES TO BE ON HIM.

A sa-

bora-

ke~

Uji no kawa-

giri~

Taedae

ni~

...OUR MATCH IN THE CLASS D FINAL LAST YEAR?

TSUKUE-KUN...

DO YOU REMEMBER...

WH-WHAT'S WRONG, KANA-CHAN?

THAT I COULD KEEP MY CALM AND PLAY MY KARUTA

AND IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE YOU WERE MY OPPONENT

MY PERFORMANCE WAS 120% AT THE TIME.

THAT MATCH REMAINS MY BEST GAME.

TO DATE,

ガシャーン

AND FOR PRESIDENT MASHIMA AND CHIHAYA-CHAN

TODAY'S MATCH IS THE GAME...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK
AYASE-SAN, IS YOUR SHIFT OVER?
THEN THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
CHIHAYA WILL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH YESTER-DAY'S CURRY FOR A WHILE
TONIGHT EVERYONE WILL BE LATE
CLICK
EH?
EH?!
...WHERE BOTH OF THEM ARE AT THEIR STRONGEST, DON'T YOU THINK?

ARATA.

...AND WE'VE GOT A FINAL BETWEEN TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

THIS IS THE LAST CLASS A TOURNAMENT BEFORE THE MEIJIN PRELIMINARIES.

AT FIRST I THOUGHT THEY'VE COME THIS FAR ONLY BECAUSE OF THEIR YOUTHFUL DRIVE AND ENERGY, BUT IT'S CLEAR WE CAN'T MAKE LIGHT OF THEM.

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THIS YEAR'S PRELIMINARIES

WHEN DID YOU ENJOY PLAYING KARUTA THE MOST?

Sender: Chihaya

Subject: Final
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I made it to the final for the 1st time! I'm doing my best in the kimono you bought for me! If you have time, please come and watch me, Mom!

EH?!

WHICH ONE OF THEM WILL PREVAIL IN THE END?

CHIHAYA-CHAN WHO 'TAKES' CARDS ...

AND MATSUGE-KUN WHO 'PICKS UP' CARDS...

WHAT IS IT THAT I'M FEELING ...

WHAT IS THIS ...

WHICH ONE WILL COME OUT ON TOP?

HOW COME...

南雲会

HOW COULD I LOSE ...?

WHY...

WHY...

WHY...

...AM I NOT THE ONE FIGHTING CHIHAYA RIGHT NOW?